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Agent.

Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 22.0

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, November 1, 1897. 2168

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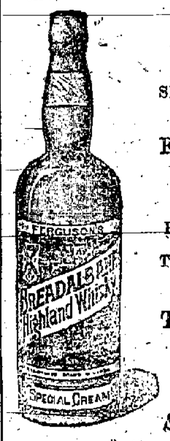

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Hongkong, November 13, 1897. 2195

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NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE No. 1589/3558, for TEN SHARES Nos. 42187/42196, Standing in the REGISTER of this Company in the Name of THOMAS HALL, having been LOST, NOTICE is hereby given that a new Certificate for the said Ten Shares will be issued Fourteen Days hence, and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, November 9, 1897. 2216

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Hongkong, November 13, 1897. 2240

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THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS.

P. P. TATA & Co.,
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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1536

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the year 1897, at the Rate of FIFTY CENTS per SHARE (or 5 % on the Capital of the Company) will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after the 25th Instant, on WARRANTS to be obtained from the Undersigned. LOCAL SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the Company's OFFICE for the WARRANTS.

The DIVIDEND will also be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai, on presentation of WARRANTS there, on and after the same Date.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, till SATURDAY, the 27th Instant, both days inclusive, during which Period NO TRANSFER of SHARES can be REGISTERED.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 9, 1897. 2214

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Hongkong, November 6, 1897. 2197

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A PROMENADE CONCERT will be held at the CITY HALL, AT 9 O'CLOCK,

TO-NIGHT, 17th November,

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The following Vocalists have kindly promised to Assist:—Mrs. DEALY, Mrs. JEWELL, Mr. C. H. GRACE, Mr. S. H. SOMERTON, Mr. R. BENTLEY, and Mr. C. T. ROBINSON.

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C. T. CROOK,
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Hongkong, November 17, 1897. 2217

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Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2258

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 18th day of November, 1897, at 5 o'clock, p.m., at KENNEDY'S STABLES, near the POLO GROUND, at East Point,—

5 GRIFFINS,

JUST ARRIVED FROM SHANGHAI, SUITABLE FOR THE HONGKONG DERBY OF 1898.

The GRIFFINS can be inspected by intending Buyers at the Stables.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2252

PUBLIC AUCTION OF CHINESE PORCELAIN & EMBROIDERIES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 20th November, 1897, commencing at 2.30 p.m.,—at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A FINE COLLECTION OF CHINESE PORCELAINS & CURIOS, from the MING DYNASTY, the REIGNS of YUNG CHING, KANG-HI, KIEN-LUNG, ETC., ETC.

Comprising:—

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Also,

A FINE LOT OF SILK EMBROIDERIES, Comprising HANGINGS, SQUARES, MANDARIN COATS, PETTICOATS, ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.

On view from *Friday*, 19th Nov., 1897.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2259

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *BAYERN.*

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

OPTIONAL CARGO will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TODAY, before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 25th Oct., and MONDAY, the 29th Nov., at 9.30 a.m.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2257

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Hongkong, November 10, 1897. 1949

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 22nd November, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 51, WYNDHAM STREET,—

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—

SADDLE BAG DRAWING ROOM SUITE. BLACKWOOD CURIO STAND, SETTEE and STOOLS.

MARINBURG MADE OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS EASY CHAIRS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, STAIR and HALL CARPETS, RUGS, TAPESTRY and LACE CURTAINS, ETC., ETC.

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FINELY CARVED TEAK BEDSTEAD, MARBLE TOP.

BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE TOP.

WASHSTAND, LADY'S WRITING DESK, WARDROBE with GLASS DOOR, ETC., ETC.

Also,

A FEW FINE ENGRAVINGS.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.

On view from *Saturday*, the 20th Nov., 1897.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 17, 1897. 2264

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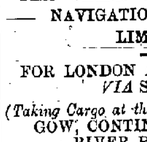

The Co.'s Steamship *Kintuck*, Capt. C. DE LA PERRELLE, will be despatched as above on the 20th November.

For Passage, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 17, 1897. 2141

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 17.

Fushun, Chinese str., from Canton.

Hupeh, British steamer, 1,894, Quail, Sourabaya and Java Nov. 7, Sugar.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Namyong, British steamer, 984, Mellor, Singapore Nov. 6, and Hoihow 15, General.—WEE BIN.

Loyal, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, Newchwang and Chefoo Nov. 10, Beans and General.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

DEPARTURES.

November 17.

Bayern, for Shanghai.
Hohenzollern, for Yokohama.
Hoihow, for Canton.
Clara, for Hoihow.
Progress, for Touron.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Activ, for Amoy.
Esmeralda, for Manila.
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Hermann, for Saigon.
Lyeemoon, for Shanghai.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Namyong*, from Singapore, Messrs Gaston, C. Kahn, and 98 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Bayern*, for Shanghai: from Bremen, Mr. Max Bohe; from Southampton, Mr and Mrs Such, Misses M. M. Johnston, J. M. Robert, Dobson, and Gebbe, Mr and Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Harde, Mr and Mrs Mills and family, Mr and Mrs Eaton and family, Mr and Mrs Hunt, Dr Wilson and children, Misses Brand, Mrs Wrighton, Mrs Probst, child and amah, Mr W. S. Brown, Mrs Lowder, child and governess, Mrs Hornby and daughters, Mr Lo Tsem Hoh, and Miss Evert.; from Genoa, Misses Reid, Fogelson, Engstram, Svensson, and Ramsten, Mr and Mrs Engelmann, Mr and Mrs Bredon and children, Mr and Mrs A. Dattan and children, Mrs H. Hoyn, children and governess, Mrs G. Parode and child, Messrs T. Schlagowsky, A. Stotzenheim, and Chiko, Mr and Mrs Philipp, Messrs H. Koherfst and O. Ans; from Colombo, Mr T. Buse; from Singapore, Mrs Schluhting, and 1 Japanese; from Hongkong, Messrs Feldrup, F. Gerrett, C. W. Wrightson, Dr Kempel, Revs. Fernandez, S. Perez, and L. Alvarez, Misses Hunt, Ball, Jose, Fondniger, Harpmann, Chapmann, Harding, Bush, Young, Hughes, Moore, and 2 Chinese.

Per *Hohenzollern*, for Yokohama: from Genoa, Mr F. Scribs, Mr T. Takayama, Drs T. Hidaka and T. Knörr; from Singapore, Dr F. Omori; from Hongkong, 4 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, for Manila, Mr Knowles, Mr F. Dupre and servant, Mr Andre Bellesort, Mr H. Oehlert, Dr and Mrs Kruger, Mr Francis S. Jones and servant, 1 Manilaman and 1 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Ancona*, from Hongkong: for Singapore, Messrs E. W. Neubronner, F. W. Talbot, Whitley, A. B. Hubback, J. R. Hubback, C. Glassford, H. L. Talbot, Mr and Mrs Justice Leach, Mr G. J. Stevens, Capt. A. J. Woodroffe, Mr J. G. Mactaggart, and Miss Sharp; for Penang, Mr R. McKenzie; for Bombay, Rev. F. F. X. Soares; for Brindisi, Lieuts. A. J. dos Reis and L. G. d'Almeida Trigosa; for Venice, Mr T. Wyss; for Ismailia, Messrs C. Niblett and B. Meneke; for London, Messrs H. B. Ede, Haggard, G. Copeman, H. J. Reckett, P. B. Reckett, and Miss Reckett, Lieut. O. T. O'K. Webber, R.L., and Staff-Commander C. R. H. Robinson. From Yokohama: for London, Mr Osmond Tonks. From Shanghai: for Marseilles, Mr C. S. Champness, and Master Walter North; for London, Mr Alex. Campbell, Mrs Campbell and 3 children, Miss H. White, Messrs C. R. Burkhill and T. Brewer.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Namyong* reports: Had mostly fine weather until the 12th Nov., after which date squally unsettled weather, much rain, with occasional thunderstorm; last night, had fresh N'ly gale, with hard squalls, much rain and thick dirty weather, moderating at daylight; passed Gap Rock at 4.30 a.m.; arrived anchorage, at 10 a.m., on 17th.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *Doric*, Registration at 10 a.m., Letters at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 18th November.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Wally*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th November.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Bellona*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th November.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Wuotan*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th November.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Wong-koi*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, 19th November.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Idzumi Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 19th November.

NEW YEAR'S PARCELS.—Parcels for the United Kingdom posted before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th November, will reach London on 29th December. Senders of parcels are requested to post them a few days in advance.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Ancona* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th November, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they save at Noon. The Money Order Office, will be closed at 5 the day before.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way).
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.
☞ LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents *late fee* up to 11.30 A.M., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Baltimore	St. Katherine	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Bayern (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Dec. 7, at 9 a.m.
Kobé and Yokohama	Idzumi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 19, at 4 p.m.
Kobé and Yokohama	Ocampo (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.
London	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 29.
London, v. Ports of Call	Kintuck (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Nov. 20.
London & Ports of Call	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 18, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 23.
London, v. Suez Canal	Sarpadon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 23.
M'lles, Havre & H'burg	Wally (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Nov. 18, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Oceanien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Nov. 24, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Kanagawa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 22, at 4 p.m.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Oceanic (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Nov. 30.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Fallodon Hall (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Nov. 25.
New York	Abner Coburn	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon, &c.	Braemar (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 14, at noon.
San Francisco	New York	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Nov. 27, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Doric (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	November 18, noon.
Shanghai and Kobe	Trieste (s)	Sander & Co.	Nov. 20 afternoon.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Hiroshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 30, at noon.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Kaisar-i-Hind (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 27.
Sydney & Melbourne	Omi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Nov 30; at noon
Tientsin	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	November 22.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Nov. 24, at noon.
Wladivostock, &c.	Sendai Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 20, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama and Kobe	Bellona (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Nov. 16, at 4 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN, GENSAN & VLADIVOSTOCK.—
Per *Sendai Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th November.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Hoi On*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th November.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Tokio Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 22nd November.

For THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Omi Maru*, Registration at 3 p.m., Letters at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 26th November.

For SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY.—
Per *Hiroshima Maru*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th November.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.—
The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Nov., with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
10.45 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 80)

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters *from* Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the 12 and 3.30 o'clock trams only. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3 p.m. or in the letter boxes in the cars till time of departure. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Nov. 17, 1897.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash, ...	680
,,	Old ,, cash,	—
,,	New Benares, cash,	707½
,,	Old ,, cash, ...	—
,,	New Malwa, credit,	760/780
,,	Allowance Taels, ...	24/48
,,	Last Year New, ...	820
,,	Allowance, Taels....	16/24
,,	Old Malwa credit, ...	820
,,	Allowance, Taels, ...	16/24
,,	Persian, Paper tied	680/700
,,	Allowance, Taels, ...	16/32

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.87	29.90	29.74
Temperature	77	60	67
Humidity ...	73	79	94
Direction of Wind ...	E	NNE	E
Force	4	3	5
Weather	cd	cd	crq
Rain	—	5.18	—

Highest open air temperature on the 16th 79
Lowest open air temperature on the 16th 74

F. G. FIGE, *Acting Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Nov. 17, 1897.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, Nov. 17, 1897.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.... ...	29.85
Do.	1 P.M.... ...	29.72
Do.	4 P.M.... ...	29.70
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.... ...	68
Do.	1 P.M.... ...	69
Do.	4 P.M.... ...	69
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	64
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	65
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	66
Do.	Maximum	69
Do.	Minimum overnight	67

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.'s Steamer *Doric* leaves for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco.

Noon.—English Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

4 p.m.—*Wally* leaves for M'seilles.

4 p.m.—*Bellona* leaves for Y'hama, &c.

Auctions.

5 p.m.—Auction of 5 Griffins, at Kennedy' Stables, near the Polo Ground, at East Point.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Chelydra* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, November 19:—
Goods per *Gaston* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

SATURDAY, November 20:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain and Embroideries at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.
Register of Shares of The A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, closed from this date to the 27th Inst., both days inclusive.
Goods per *Ganges* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Goods per *Ernest Simons* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Glenearn* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, November 22:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, Engravings, Etc., at No. 51, Wyndham Street.
Goods per *Hakata Maru* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, November 25:—
Interim Dividend of 5 % on Shares of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, payable.

MONDAY, November 29:—
Goods per *Bayern* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, November 17, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1/11¼
,, On demand, ...	...1/11⅛
,, 30 days' sight, ...	...1/11⅛
,, 4 months' sight, ...	...1/11⅛
Credits, 4 ,, ,, ...	...1/11⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	...1/11¼
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	... 2.43
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.48
On Berlin—Demand, ...	... 1.97½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 47½
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	... 48½
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	... 150
On demand, ...	... 150½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	... 150
On demand, ...	... 150½
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	... par.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	... 5%
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 73½
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 74½
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	... 4%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael), ...	$53.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.15
Silver (per oz.)	27d.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, October 26, 1897. 1611

MARRIAGE.

On the 1st November, at the British Consulate, by J. H. Longford, Esq., H.M.'s Consul, and afterwards at the English Church by the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, RALPH GEORGE ELLIOTT FORSTER, H.M.'s Consular service in Japan, to LOUISE, elder daughter of the late Louis Joubert, of Mansourah, Egypt.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 6.45 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL. (SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Port Adelaide*, Oct. 15; *Kara*, 19; *Deuteros*, *Taichu*, 22; *Priam*, *Poseidon*, *Salazie*, *Delta*, *Hanseat*, 29; *Benvenue*, *Malacca*, *Orestes*, *H. Siping* (?), *Kirkfield*, Nov. 2; *Kaisow*, *Saghalien*, *Mount Tabor*, 5; *Kriemhild*, *Tainan* (?), *Puritan*, 9; *Glengyle*, *Java*, *Radnorshire*, *Hector*, *Lyderhorn*, 11; *Niobe*, *Longships*, *Morven*, *Glengyle* (?), *Ixion*, 15.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Frey*, October 15; *Prometheus*, Oct. 19; *Pathan*, *Benalder*, 26; *Ningchow*, 29; *Krate*, *Japan*, *Maria Valerie*, Nov. 2; *Preussen*, 5; *Benlomond*, *Yarra* 9; *Hertha*, 11; *Energia*, *Patroclus*, 15.

Mails.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 15th Nov., at 1 p.m.

The M. M. Co.'s s. s. *Salazie*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 22nd October, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 16th Nov., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 23rd Nov. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Sept. 16th.

The O. & O. s. s. *Belgic*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 30th Oct.

The C. P. R. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on Monday afternoon, the 8th November.

The P. M. s. s. *Peru*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 9th Nov.

Steamers Expected.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama, from Tacoma, on the 3rd Nov.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Tokio Maru* left Thursday Island for this port on the 8th Nov., and is expected to arrive here on the morning of 19th Nov.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Pakling*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the morning of Nov. 13th and may be expected here on or about the 19th Nov.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Trieste* left Singapore for this port on the morning of Nov. 13.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Omi Maru* left Kobe for this port on the 18th Nov., at noon, and is expected to arrive here on the 23rd Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* sailed from Portland on the 12th Nov. for Japan and Hongkong.

The N. G. L. s. s. *Bornnida* left Bombay for this port on the 7th Nov., and is due here on or about the 26th Nov.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th Nov. Her silk arrived in New York on the 1st Nov.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kaisow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the afternoon of 7th Nov., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 27th Nov.

THE keeper of a Japanese coffee house, at No. 120 Wellington Street was fined $75, at the Magistracy to-day for selling Chinese samshu to a Portuguese boy, without having a licence to sell spirits.

A SHORT but nevertheless comprehensive biography of Dr Rizal, who was shot for his supposed connection with the native rising in the Philippines, has been prepared for publication, and is expected to appear shortly.

THE P. & O. steamer *Mirzapore* (Commander T. Wickenden) which arrived at Colombo on the 20th Oct. from China *en route* to Bombay, was placed in strict quarantine by the port surgeon, on finding a case of scarlet fever on board among the passengers.

AT the Regular Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge, held on the 16th inst., Wor. Bro. J. W. Edwards was re-elected W. M. Bro. A. Seth was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. R. Grimble as Tyler for the ensuing year.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-night:—

1.—Overture ..... 'Le Domino Noir' ..... *Auber.*
2.—Danse de Savoyards ..... *Lanothe.*
3.—Selection ..... 'Utopia, Limited' ..... *Sullivan.*
4.—Waltz ..... 'Laura' ..... *Mullecker.*
5.—Song ..... 'Traumglück' ..... *Lange.*
6.—Ballet Music in 'Faust' ..... *Gounod.*

God save the Queen.

Wm. Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

AN amusing story is told of Spanish childishness at Singapore. A German clerk entered a griffin for the recent races, and named his horse 'Aguinaldos,' which happens to be the name of the rebel leader in the Philippines. This is said to have given much offence to the Spanish Consul, who decided he would not attend the Races, the Vice-Consul only obtaining leave to go after great difficulty. The Consul, we are informed, expressed the opinion that it was highly improper of the British Government to allow the horse to be so named and that it was an insult to Spain!

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Haitan, H.I.G.M.S. Irene, Lakin, Mongkut, Powan, Fushun.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Cosmopolitan.—West York.

Low exchange has not increased our prices of Pianos, but we now instead reduced our expenses and our prices are the very lowest. W. Rebanson & Co.

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☞ On the fifth page will be found the reports on the new Balmoral and Olivers mines.

A SINGAPORE correspondent informs us that Mr Bibby is not returning to the Raub mines.

DURING the past quarter (says the *English-man*) there were twenty-six deaths among the officers of the Indian Staff Corps. Eight died in action or of wounds received in action.

THE Royal Dutch Oil Company, which has hitherto carried on business chiefly with the Straits and China, is now directing its attention to Ceylon and India, where the Java petroleum is expected to obtain a large sale.

COLOMBO newspapers, in noticing the death in Hongkong of Lieut. W. H. Ramage Dawson, R.A., mention that he was son of the late Colonel J. R. Dawson, w[illegible] was well known in Ceylon, and whose [illegible]tors are still interested in estates in Uva.

ABOUT five o'clock yesterday a cargo-boat ran into a sampan, off the Harbour Master's Office. The sampan was upset and the five men on board thrown into the water. A box containing $1600 and some clothing was lost. The crew were all saved. Several Chinese were diving to-day for the money.

THE Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4.15 p.m. The business is chiefly routine. The Medical Officer of Health will move the repeal of a certain bye-law affected by the new bye-law recently approved of by the Legislative Council for the definition of a 'street' under the Sanitary Ordinances.

A VISITOR to Singapore writes to us in a very pessimistic vein. He says:—As a place of residence Singapore is delightful, but the Society is tinged with Anglo-Indianism and is eaten up by its own importance. What strikes one most, however, is that it is simply Paradise for the Chinaman. In no part of the world that I have visited are the Chinese treated with such consideration or have they so many liberties. We have given them an inch and they have taken a yard. Before many years are over we shall rue the policy adopted towards John Chinaman. The late excitement is only dormant. It will break out again with very disastrous effects. The Chinese are monopolising everything, and are protected by half-a-dozen Manchester cotton lords for their own selfish aims—to the detriment of the community at large and of the native race in particular. It may suit a certain privileged few, but this is not the way to govern a Colony. You complain in Hongkong, but you are a thousand times better governed than they are down here.

A COURT martial assembled on board the *Victor Emanuel* this morning for the trial of C. E. West, A.B., for desertion from H.M.S. *Alacrity*. The court was constituted as follows:—Capt. H. T. Dudding, *Iphigenia*; Commander R. C. Sparkes, *Linnet*; Commander C. J. Kingsmill, *Archer*; Commander Henderson, and Lieutenant Plumer, *Tamar*. Mr V. A. Lawford was Judge Advocate, and Lieutenant Bellairs, of the *Tamar*, was prisoner's friend. The prisoner, who gave himself up on board the *Rainbow*, at Yokohama, stated he deserted from the *Alacrity* on 30th June, 1894. He said that he wished to return to England, as his warrant for apprehension had been withdrawn, to take out English certificates. Since he deserted he had served in several American sailing ships. The prisoner begged the Court to take into consideration the fact that he had been detained on H.M. ships *Grafton* and *Tamar* for a period of five months, and hoped that his previous good character in the service might be taken into consideration in mitigation of sentence, and also the fact that he voluntarily gave himself up to the authorities in order to rectify as far as possible the charge of desertion, and in doing so gave up a good position as second officer of the *R. D. Rice*, at Yokohama. The Court imposed sentence of ninety days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Two A. B.'s from H.M.S. *Peacock* were tried by Court-martial to-day, on board the *Victor Emanuel*. The following officers comprised the Court:—Captain H. T. Dudding, *Iphigenia*; Commander R. C. Sparkes, *Linnet*; Commander C. J. Kingsmill, *Archer*; Commander Henderson and Commander W. H. F. Taylor, *Tamar*. Mr V. A. Lawford was Judge Advocate. The prisoner's friend was Mr E. Innes, Assistant Paymaster of the *Peacock*. The first prisoner W. J. Brangan, A.B., pleaded guilty to charges of

WE understand that Mr R. E. Bredon, whose appointment to the position of Deputy Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs was telegraphed to us a few days ago by our Shanghai correspondent, will become Chief Secretary to Sir Robert Hart. He left for Shanghai this afternoon in the German mail steamer *Bayern*.

THE Directors of the P. and O. Company have presented Captain De Berry, Commander of the Royal Indian Marine Steamer *Mayo*, and Lieutenants H. Dobbin and A. Goldsmith each with a gold watch, with a suitable inscription, in recognition of the gallantry they displayed in the rescue of the survivors from the wreck of the *Aden* off Socotra in June last. The lascars who formed the crews of the two boats have been given a gratuity of three months' pay.

THE news of the appointment of General Blanco to the position of Governor-General of Cuba has been received with satisfaction by his numerous admirers amongst foreigners acquainted with his administration in the Philippines. It is considered to be a splendid answer to his detractors, some of them not a thousand miles from Hongkong. It is evident the Spanish Government recognises that no other man is capable of extricating them from the terrible mess they have got into in the administration of Cuban affairs. It would not be a surprise if General Martinez-Campos were sent out to the Philippines, but in the meantime the government at Madrid appears to be satisfied with General Rivera's plan of campaign.

Fairplay of the 14th Oct. contains the following paragraph dealing with a subject which received some attention in our columns some months ago:—Much has been said and written of late of the lack of a reserve for the Royal Navy, and of the decay and disappearance of the British merchant seaman. A correspondent in the Far East has sent me cuttings from local prints. One deals with the *Vale of Doon*, which was manned by foreign officers and men, with the exception of one Englishman. In the case of another vessel, which arrived at Hongkong early in September, the master was asked if his engineers had received a rise of pay. He replied in the affirmative. Asked if he had been given an increase, he answered in the negative, adding that his wages had been reduced from 240 dols. to 175 dols. a month, in consequence of a German having offered his services as master to the Chinese owners at Singapore at that rate. The captain had served the Company for over 10 years, and in consideration of his long service and proved ability the owners had given him the option of retaining his berth at the rate that the German offered his services for, or of resigning—Hobson's choice. The German holds a Singapore certificate. Whilst aliens can use the British flag—for practically the owners of the vessel referred to are such, whatever form of naturalisation may have been performed—sail our ships, and obtain our certificates, the British merchant service will decay.

ANOTHER case of business boycott is reported from Japan, the victims being Messrs Samuel and Co., who committed the unpardonable offence of purchasing goods from a dealer and manufacturer who was not a member of the Kobe Straw Braid Guild. Seven resolutions were formally adopted at a meeting of the Guild on the 2nd inst., and an advertisement announcing the boycott was sent to native journals in Kobe, Osaka, Tokio, Yokohama, and Okayama and to the *Kobe Chronicle*. The native dealer, who also comes under the boycott, is one of the biggest straw braid dealers in Japan. He has upwards of 40 branch establishments throughout Japan, and, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, the fact that he is the only successful Japanese exporter of straw braid bears ample testimony alike to his business capacity and commercial integrity. 'Rings,' 'Conferences' and boycotting 'Guilds' have a family resemblance, whether American, English or Japanese, and it is not astonishing that the Japanese should follow the example set them by the higher intelligence and the higher civilisation of their Western models. We agree generally with our Kobe contemporary that 'guilds are of service only when they advance the best interests of the trade they represent,' as, of course, he does not mean by that expression the advancement of a particular branch of trade at the expense of another. An illustration of the injury that may be inflicted on trade in general is given by the Conference ruling the shipping trade of England with the Far East. The benefit is not for British trade, and, in the same way, every little piece of friction set up by the interference of the guilds with Japanese trade will tend inevitably to restrict the expansion of trade, internal and external. The lot of the foreign merchant in Japan is not an enviable one, and it is high time for the Japanese Government, in the interests of the country, to teach the native guilds a lesson. The strength of the English 'guilds' is great, but recent revelations are likely to move the British Government to action in the interests of the British manufacturer. So far as British merchants in Hongkong are concerned the freight handicap is a heavy one, and we are not astonished that orders are now more frequently placed with Continental manufacturers.

VERY little interest was taken in the football match played at the Happy Valley yesterday between a Hongkong F. C. XI. and a combined team from Shanghai and the Straits. In the earlier portion of the game the visitors played two men short, and were afterwards assisted by two soldiers. An uninteresting game ended in a win for the Hongkong Club by 2 goals to *nil*. The goals were got by Noble and Crowley.

WE are informed that the condition of affairs in the Philippines is in no way ameliorated. The country is reported to be in a disgraceful state, the Spanish soldiers are half-starved and are suffering from disease, robbery and corruption are rife on all sides from the highest to the lowest, and the rebels are getting more daring every day. The big fight recently reported from the Laguna District shows that the rebels have been able to form a very strong party again to the south of Luzon.

THE Chinese occupant of the house No. 25 Wyndham Street was summoned to the Magistracy to-day, at the instance of Inspector Duncan. On the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Nov., marriage celebrations were carried on almost incessantly daylight and dark, much to the annoyance of the European inhabitants in the vicinity, in consequence of which a largely-signed petition was sent to the Registrar-General, complaining of the disturbance. Mr T. Cowen, of the *Télégraph*, and Mr S. H. Somerton, of the *Daily Press*, championed the cause of the petitioners at the Magistracy to-day by testifying to the nature of the disturbance, which consisted of beating gongs, firing crackers and playing screechy Chinese music from morn till night and from night till morn. It was stated that the defendant had only permission from the Registrar-General to fire crackers for five minutes on the 10th and 11th. Mr Wodehouse imposed a fine of $10.

A CORRESPONDENT sends to the *Globe* two instance of Shakespeare's foresight, one relating to the lady cyclists who wear the rational costume and the other to football—both from *Antony and Cleopatra*:—

'Leap thou, attire and all,
Through proof of harno's to my heart, and there
Ride on the pants triumphing.'

'Yet have we
A brain that nourishes our nerves, and can
Get goal for goal of youth.'
(Act iv., sc. 8.)

MESSRS Bandinel & Co. write from Newchwang under date 30th October:—

Beans are arriving in large quantities and prices have given way slightly; we quote:—
Bean Oil, per picul..... Tls. 6.30
Beancakes ,, 10 pieces.. ,, 5.60
Beans ,, 3 picals.. ,, 4.80/5.30
Freights offering for steamers are:—Canton 27 cents, Kobe 22 cents.
Charter.—We settled the *Anna Bertha* at 30 cents, to Whampoa.
Arrivals to Date are 340 Steamers and 15 Ships against 337 Steamers and 14 Ships in 1896.
Vessels in port:—*Stanfield, Bittern, Kitty, Osaka, Lucia, Sebastian Bach, Anna Bertha, Quickstep, Velocity, Contest, Comet, Esang, Pa ting, Kweilin, Szechuen, Siegfried, Hainan, Peiping, Satseyo Maru, Swatow, Fung Shuin, Tamsui.*
Chinese think our season will close about 22nd November.

MR John Dill Ross writes as follows in the *Singapore Free Press*:—It was only in last February I happened to be a fellow-passenger on board of the *Melbourne* of M. Doumer, the present Governor-General of Indo-China. He had all the appearance of a man of great resolution and ability, but he is already in the toils, and he will be singularly fortunate if he escapes the fate of his predecessors. The French appear to have made almost every possible mistake in their organisation and administration of Indo-China. This country has cost them the lives of some thousands of their finest men, and many millions of money, but there can be but little doubt that they have finally accomplished their ends, and that they are now the absolute masters of a very fine country likely to became of very great importance. The work of conquest is now completed, and great progress has been made in the pacification of the country, but its colonisation, as we understand the word, proceeds very slowly.

THE *Bangkok Times* of the 4th November says:—Another summons for breach of the Quarantine Regulations is fixed for hearing on Saturday. This time the s. s. *Loosok* is the alleged offender, the chief officer, Mr W. Shepherd, having, it is said, communicated with Paknam before the ship was medically examined. It is pleaded on the other side that the s. s. *Loosok* had been detained for about five hours at Paknam, and, as there was no sign of the medical officer appearing, the chief officer had been sent ashore to telegraph to the owners asking for immediate examination. Mr Naylor, who is retained for the defence in this case, appeared before Mr Archer in H.B.M. Consular Court, to-day, and asked His Honour if he could be allowed security for costs. He instanced the previous case of a similar nature, in which costs had not yet been recovered from the prosecution, and Mr Archer agreed to his filing a motion to show cause why costs were not recovered, and said that security for costs in the present case would be allowed or not according to the result of the motion.

A GOOD story is told with reference to the late Charles Greville. He once attended a Spiritualist seance, being then a very aged man. Looking at him with assumed emotion, the clairvoyant exclaimed 'There is an aged lady behind your chair.' 'How interesting,' remarked Greville sweetly. 'She is very like you,' continued the charlatan. 'Who can she be?' murmured Greville. 'She lifts her hands to bless you—her hands are now waving over your head.' 'Pray tell me who this mysterious visitor may be?' asked Greville. 'It is your mother.' 'Oh, I am delighted to hear that.' 'She says she is perfectly happy, and she watches you constantly.' 'Dear soul,' muttered the imperturbable Greville, and the clairvoyant continued—'She tells me you will join her soon, and be happy with her.' Thereupon Greville remarked calmly, in his sweetest tones, 'That is extremely likely, for I am going to take tea with her at five o'clock.' It happened that Greville's mother was still living, though nearly a century old.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

THE MURDER OF GERMAN MISSIONARIES.

GERMAN ULTIMATUM.

CAPTURE OF CHINESE FORTS AT KYAO-CHAU.

CHINESE GARRISON IN RETREAT.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, November 17, 4.46 p.m.

The German flagship *Kaiser* (Capt. Zeye), accompanied by the German cruisers *Prinzess Wilhelm* (Capt. Thiele) and *Cormoran* (Capt. Brussatis) entered Kyao-chau Bay on Monday morning (15th inst.), under directions from the German Admiral to make a demonstration of force in connection with the massacre of two German Missionaries in Shantung and to obtain reparation for the outrage.

It is believed that the outrage was instigated by the anti-foreign party of officials, headed by the Governor, Li Ping-heng.

An ultimatum was sent to the Chinese general in command at Kyao-chau, stipulating that the three forts should be evacuated within three hours.

When they saw the guns run out and the German cruisers cleared for action, the Chinese garrison, numbering upwards of 1500 men, bolted, and the forts were quietly surrendered to the German forces.

A party was landed from the ships, and the German flag hoisted over the forts, the warships firing a salute.

The forts are held in the meanwhile by a force of 600 German marines and blue-jackets.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 15th Nov., 1897.

FRANCE AND THE SOUDAN.

The *Daily News'* Paris Correspondent states that Prince Henry of Orleans is busy preparing an expedition, including a Corps of Hausa Veterans from the West Coast, with the object of assisting M. Leontieff to forestall General Sir H. Kitchener in the occupation of Khartoum and all territories thence to Victoria Nyanza, on behalf of Abyssinia. The expedition is to leave Marseilles in December, and M. Leontieff to pay King Menelik 10 per cent of the revenue receipts of the new provinces.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 17th at 11.0 a. North Cone hoisted. A depression exists in the China Sea to the Southward of Hongkong. Except fallen in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, the barometer has risen much on the China coast, with high pressure covering Central China. Gradients are very steep on the China coast. Forecast:—N.E. winds, strong; perhaps a gale: squally, some rain. Strong N.E. gales in the Formosa Channel and in the N. part of the China Sea.

THE ARMED GANG ROBBERY.

ANOTHER THREE ARRESTS.

Last night, three men were arrested in the Man Wo Temple, while sheltering from the rain, by some members of the Chinese detective staff, on a charge of being concerned in the gang robbery in Burd Street on Monday night.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, before Mr H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, Iu Ming (24), Wong Chung (34), Wan Shek Ki (23), Wan Shup (30), Chan Ut Ping (23) and Li Kan (22), all of no occupation were charged that they feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, did kill and murder one Kung Fun, on the 15th November, 1897.

They pleaded not guilty.

Li Fung, the first witness called, stated—I am manager of the Kwong Hop Yun Medicine shop in Burd Street. On the 15th November, about 9.30 p.m., I was in the shop, at the doorway. Two men came in. One of them said, 'Is-A-Ching here?' I said there was no such man of that name. When I said this another two came in, and at the same time all four commenced to seize the fokis in the shop. They pointed revolvers at the fokis and told them not to utter a sound. One of them asked me, 'Where is the key of the safe?' I said 'It is in the accountant's possession.' He said, 'Where is the accountant?' I said he was in his room, go and ask for the key. As soon as I said this he told me to shut up and not to say anything more. This man let me go, and he went into the accountant's room. I took off my shoes and went up to the first floor, which communicates with the first floor of the next house. I went to the first floor of the next house, and from there I went into the street and called for 'Police.' I met a district watchman and told him there were thieves in my shop. I went with him and pointed out the shop. I then returned to the shop from which I came out of into the street, and sat there a while. Then I got up and went to my shop. On the way I heard the report of a firearm. When I got to the shop I found that the people of the shop had all gone away. I went in and took a seat, and while there the Police came. I have lost a silver watch and some money. I recognise the first, second, third and fourth prisoners. The third and fourth defendants came in first, the second and first defendants were the next two. The second defendant is the person who seized me and told me to sit down.

Witness then went on to state that he was taken the same evening to a house in Kwai Wa Lane, where he identified the first, second and third defendants. He only saw four men altogether, the first four defendants. The first defendant had a watch belonging to witness, when arrested.

The case was then adjourned till to-morrow.

MISS ELSIE ADAIR.

Miss Elsie Adair can safely say that no other *comedienne* and dancer has ever covered the vast amount of territory or had a tenth part of the interesting experiences that have been crowded into her short career, a career which she considers has only begun. She has sung, danced and dined for and with Kings, Queens, Sultans, Rajahs and their harems. She has been to the bottom of the deepest mine in the world, up two thousand feet in a balloon, and down in the briny deep fifteen fathoms, in a diver's suit and picked up pearl shells. When a child on the Sierras she used to go tearing across the prairies, bareback, on wild, vicious little bronchos, so there is not much reason to suppose that she felt any great degree of nervousness when she took her first ride on the Royal Elephants of Siam or the camels or oxen of other countries. Neither is there any reason to suppose that she will feel any degree of nervousness whatever when she greets old friends again on Thursday evening at the Theatre Royal, for happily Miss Adair enjoys her work thoroughly and does not consider it in the light of a task whatever.

'I will acknowledge that I felt dreadfully nervous when I took that dive,' said Miss Adair, 'and when you consider that the white men who have lived there all their lives,—some of them have dozens of pearling boats,—say that they would not risk going down for thousands of pounds it was rather courageous of me, wasn't it? My room overlooked the bay, and it really seemed every other morning when I awoke and looked to see what boats had come in during the night, there would be one with the flag "half mast" meaning another dead diver. This did not tend to make me any happier, but it did not shake my determination in the least. There are grave dangers attached to pearl diving, even for the strongest and most robust men and for a person like myself—well, I realize now that it was an exceedingly foolish thing to do. Why I nearly fainted with fatigue before they got the horrible armour fixed. Each shoe weighed 40 pounds. Thoughts of the Spanish inquisition and diabolical Chinese torture floated through my mind while they were screwing down the iron breast-plates and attaching the helmet. All the hopes I had of living through it were fast slipping away, and every time the men would buckle on another weight my friends would beg me to give in and not go down. After all I think I felt much better and safer when I was at the bottom in spite of the pain and bleeding of the ears which I experienced. Wasn't I glad to come to the surface again and know that it was all over? A few hours after my friends were discussing the affair, and one of them asked me which danger I had feared most while in the water—a coral reef cutting the air or life line, sharks, deafness, or paralysis caused by pressure of water on the spine. To tell the truth I answered I never thought of any of these things for just as I was going over the side I saw a cockroach run across the deck, and my main thought was that one of them might have crawled into the suit while unused and would find his way up to my face while I was down below, and on account of the helmet I could not get my hand any ways near my face to brush it off.'

From the face of a boy of Calcutta,
Fell liquified fat in the gutter,
As he frizzled, said he,
'I am melting, you see,
But we don't call this hot in Calcutta!'

AMONG the contributors to 'The Imperial Souvenir,' which is to be published by Mr D. Nutt for the coming Christmas, is his Excellency Sir Lo Fêng-Lo. This Christmas souvenir of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which has been designed and edited by Professor Salmoné, of King's College, contains fifty metrical translations of the third verse of the National Anthem in the most important languges spoken in her Majesty's dominions. His Excellency the Chinese Minister has been good enough, at Professor Salmoné's request, to supply the Chinese version, together with the same rendered in English characters.

WE regret to hear most unfavourable accounts of the health of Capt. John Blair, the former popular and well-known Manager of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company. He has been ill now for a considerable time and his ailment has proved to be that terrible thing, cancer in the stomach. Capt. Blair's visit to Homburg did not result in the alleviation that it was hoped might accrue. Since April he has been unable to take solid food, and by last advices could not even take liquid food, and was greatly emaciated. Indeed so advanced was the disease and so enfeebled was Capt. Blair's strength that it is feared by his friends here that by this time he no longer survives. It is a painful thing to think that after so many years long and faithful devotion to the interests of the great company whose affairs he managed, Capt. Blair should have had so short a season of health afforded to him for the enjoyment of his well-deserved retirement.—*Singapore Free Press.*

'I SAW the other day,' writes a correspondent, 'at Miltown Malbay, Mrs Anne Armstrong, who is probably the very oldest woman in existence:—

Mrs Armstrong was born in the year 1781. She is not a native of the county of Clare, but came with her husband, who was in the constabulary, from Fermanagh. She is known to have lived in the neighbourhood of Miltown Malbay for upwards of ninety years, and the gentleman who accompanied me to see her stated that she told him she was present at his mother's marriage, which took place six and forty years ago, and was celebrated on her (Mrs Armstrong's) seventieth birthday. She lives in a little thatched cottage at a place called Spanish Point, outside Miltown Malbay, entirely alone, and generally retires to rest, locking her door, at 4 p.m. The neighbours cook her meals and show her every kindness. Mrs Armstrong is slightly built, but lithe and wiry in frame, and even still erect of carriage. She has large clear blue eyes, and her sight is unimpaired. She is slightly deaf, but her memory is very clear. A near relative of mine early in the present century—between 1817 and 1820—had a villa at Spanish Point. When I mentioned the name to Mrs Armstrong she instantly remembered it, and was able to point out to me the villa in which my relative lived seventy-seven years ago. When I spoke to her of the rebellion of 1798 her face immediately assumed a pained expression, as the scenes of the period were instantly recalled to her recollection. She was dressed with great neatness and wore a cap of snowy whiteness. Her features were extremely pallid, but the firmness of her gait in walking and her strong grasp in shaking hands indicated very clearly her vigility.

STRAITS CURRENCY.

THE ENGLISH SOVEREIGN TO BE ADOPTED.

FULL TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Continued.)

JAPAN.

INCREASE $3,056,000 = 411 %.

27. This large increase is due chiefly to the development of the Japanese coal trade, and, in a smaller measure, to the import of manufactured goods.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO, &c.

INCREASE $1,389,000 = 58 %.

28. Due largely to the additional quantity of sago flour exported from Borneo.

COCHIN-CHINA.

INCREASE $2,830,000 = 100 %.

29. Of this $1,526,000 is due to rice and $998,000 to fish.

SIAM.

INCREASE $3,711,000 = 35 %.

30. Of this, $3,477,000 is due to rice.

31. Reviewing the whole of our import trade, as above detailed, we have arrived at the conclusion that fixity of exchange would, on the whole, be decidedly advantageous to the import trade of these Settlements.

32. Exports have increased as follows:—Total 1890 $116,511,000, 1896 $161,777,000, (Appendix A.)—an increase of $45,266,000—of this $33,113,000 is to gold standard countries (Appendix B.), the remainder $11,010,000 being to silver standard countries (Appendix C.)—$44,123,000=41% (the slight difference in these figures being caused by the omission of the Inter-Settlement trade figures.)

We take first the increase to Gold Standard Countries $33,113,000 *(Appendix B.) as follows:*—

UNITED KINGDOM, EUROPE, AMERICA, AND AUSTRALIA.

INCREASE $17,514,000=37%.

33. These countries are our chief customers for Straits Produce, so called.

34. The dollar totals if converted into sterling, viz.:

1890 $46,450,000 at 3/5½ = £7,983,000
1896 63,964,000 at 2/2⅛ = 6,962,000

show a marked *decrease*, whereas quantities (Appendix E.) shew a very large increase in almost all the leading articles of produce.

35. Although these figures shew an increase in dollar totals, it is our opinion that more work is being done for less profit, or at all events without any corresponding increase of profit, and the higher cost of living must also be taken into consideration.

36. The constant fluctuations in exchange thoroughly upset and disorganise this business, and, from a merchant's point of view, there can be no doubt that the elimination of this element of uncertainty would be generally hailed with much satisfaction.

37. The producer has much difficulty to contend with from the same cause, as will appear from Appendix D, which shews monthly prices from 1890 to 1896 of the leading articles of produce.

NETHERLANDS INDIA.

INCREASE $14,750,000=83%.

38. This expansion of trade with a gold standard country, in spite of the decline in the value of the dollar, is, in considerable measure, due to Java having required to import rice to compensate for short crops, and, in some further measure, the increase is doubtless also due to the advantages of our natural position and shipping facilities, already mentioned in connection with our import trade with Netherlands India.

BRITISH INDIA.

INCREASE $849,000=11%.

39. merely shews that a depreciating dollar has given us but little assistance in this direction.

Turning to the increase to Silver Standard Countries $11,010,000 *(Appendix C.)*

40. It may be remarked that the increases, with the exception of that in the case of the Malay Peninsula, have been insignificant and require little comment.

MALAY PENINSULA.

INCREASE $8,033,000=78%.

41. corresponds with the increase in Imports (77%).

HONGKONG AND CHINA.

12. Increase $1,446,000=11%.

JAPAN.

INCREASE $434,000=400%.

43 is really of insignificant volume, although the percentage is large.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO, &c.

44. Increase $592,000=30 %.

SIAM.

INCREASE $1,387,000 = 19 %.

45. The bulk of the exports consists of European goods, and ought to have increased 37% to have kept pace with the depreciation of the dollar.

46. The same cause is probably at work here as mentioned in our reference to the import trade from Europe, viz., the inability of consumers to pay the increased prices required by the fall in exchange.

47. It may also be that Siam is now importing direct from Europe to a greater extent than formerly.

COCHIN-CHINA.

DECREASE $882,000 = 33 %.

48. This appears to be the only country with which the trade of this Colony she s a *decrease*, and this is due, almost entirely, to the prohibitive tariff of differential duties applied since 1892.

49. Reviewing the above trade statistics, our deductions therefrom bring us to the conclusion that the best interests of trade in this Colony would be served by fixity of exchange, provided the value of the dollar is fixed at a suitable rate.

50. We believe that a dollar fixed at a gold value of 2/- would not handicap our export trade. We believe also that a dollar of this fixed value would considerably assist in maintaining, at somewhere near its present extent, our import trade, with gold standard countries in particular, whilst at the same time this fixity would give to the consumer the advantage that cost of living would not be further increased by the depreciation of silver.

51. A point which we think deserving of very grave consideration in this matter, is the protection which fixity of exchange would assure to the large amount of European capital already employed in the trade of these Settlements, and the encouragement which it would offer to the introduction of fresh capital to the Colony and also to the Federated Malay States. There is already much necessity for the restoration of that confidence which should attach to investment in these parts.

52. We, therefore, give it as our opinion, that a fixed sterling value of 2/- for the dollar would benefit the trade and general interests of this Colony, and we suggest that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce move to obtain fixity at that rate.

53. One object of our investigations has been to suggest, if possible, some means by which fixity of exchange can be attained. It will be apparent to every one that no reliance can be placed on silver as the basis of our currency. We are of opinion that a fictitious value to our silver currency, brought about by the contraction thereof, is a course which certainly could not be maintained with safety or advantage.

54. A gold standard being the only one which promises stability, we advocate the conversion of our present currency to a gold basis.

55. Having arrived at this conclusion, we now proceed to suggest for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce, a scheme by which this change might be brought about.

PROPOSAL FOR A GOLD STANDARD FOR THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

56. It must, we think, be recognized that it will be impossible to change our currency from Silver to Gold without primary cost to the Government, although that cost, under the scheme which we are about to suggest, should be amply compensated for by subsequent advantages. As far as we are aware, in no country has the change from a silver to a gold standard (and there have been many such changes within the past 20 years) been made without cost to the Government making the conversion. In our view, the burden involved by any conversion must necessarily be borne by Government as representing the whole community, as any action towards demonetising existing currency, without due provision being made for withdrawing the coin so demonetized, would lead to disastrous results amongst the less enlightened classes of the population.

57. The opinion of the members of the Straits Currency Commission of 1893 was divided into those who wished for a dollar following the fortunes of silver and those who advocated the Colony being included in the Indian currency system. We believe it will be admitted from a perusal of this report that a dollar following the fortunes of silver is detrimental to the general interests of this Colony; whilst as to the suggestion that the currency of the Colony should be joined to that to India, although that might have been practicable in 1893, it will surely at the present time be admitted that the difference in parity between the rupee at about 1/4d. and the dollar in the vicinity of 1/10½ is so enormous and would involve such a complete dislocation of trade as to render such a course extremely hazardous. In this connection, it should be noted that, taking 1/4d. as the present value of the Indian rupee, to include the currency of this Colony under that system would be equivalent to raising the dollar here to 3/,—1/4d. bearing the same ratio to 2/ (the old par value of the rupee) as 3/ does to 4/6 (the old par value of the dollar).

58. As the result of enquiry made by us early in September, we have been informed that 16,000,000 British dollars had already been coined at the Bombay mint, and from the large amount of silver then and now waiting coinage at Bombay into British dollars, the amount is likely very soon to exceed $20,000,000. We do not suggest that the Government should consider any scheme which would involve the Colony taking over this 20 millions on a basis of 2/- per dollar, as a large portion of the coin is not in the Colony nor in the Federated Malay States. We do not suppose there are more than $10/12,000,000 of all varieties of dollar coins in circulation at the present time throughout the Colony and Federated Malay States. We recommend the adoption of the English sovereign as the basis of our currency with a Straits dollar fixed at the value of 2/- subsidiary to it. The present subsidiary silver coinage to remain as it is.

59. The procedure of the Government would be not to let its intention be known, and, when a decision is arrived at, to pass a law at one sitting of the Legislative Council, and immediately thereafter issue a notification to the effect that, during a term sufficiently brief to prevent importation, all dollar coins then legally current in the Colony would be received at certain specified places and Government currency notes given in exchange; and that, after the expiry of such term, the British, Mexican, and other dollars in circulation would be demonetised. The Federated Malay States would have simultaneously to promulgate the same law. The recently passed Currency Note Ordinance would have to be amended in the direction of relieving the Government, for the period of three or four months, of the obligation of paying coin in exchange for its notes, and during that time the Government would have to raise a temporary sterling loan in London and import a gold reserve in sovereigns. The position of Bank notes would not be affected except that the law must provide temporarily for the Banks holding Government notes as a reserve against their own notes, and paying Government notes against their own notes. No current debts would be affected by the transition, they being made payable in the new currency, at the fixed rate of $10 to the £. With the large stock of silver that would come into the Government's hands, a limited number of Straits subsidiary dollars could be coined, and these could conveniently be only 60% to 75% of the weight of the present dollars. The Government would have to submit to a loss in disposing of the balance. Before making a change in the currency, the Government, to protect themselves against possible further depreciation of the metal, might contract to sell silver for forward delivery, and subsequently cover such sale with the demonetised dollars as these are received and converted into bullion.

60. Our view is, that if judiciously managed, the conversion to a Gold Standard, on lines as indicated above, could be effected without greater cost to Government than they would be compensated for within a short period of years.

As an instance of such compensation, let us assume that there may be a further serious decline in the value of the dollar, say, to 1/6d. In 1896, the Government remittances for this Colony for 'Home Charges,' at the higher rates of exchange then ruling, amounted in round figures to £88,000; let it be taken that exchange compensation for 1898 will, with the dollar at 2/-, be about £14,000: to this should be added, for account of the Federated Malay States, the further rough estimate, for 1898, of £50,000 for 'Home Charges and Exchange Compensation.' These give a total (estimated) of £152,000, which sum, at 2/- exchange, would involve an expenditure by the Colony and Federated Malay States of $1,520,000; whereas, if the Government had to provide the dollar equivalent of £152,000 at exchange 1/6, the cost would be $2,026,666, a loss, if the dollar should fall to that rate, of $506,666 annually.

JOHN ANDERSON,
G. S. MURRAY.
AD. LASPE.
C. STRINGER.

Singapore, 6th November, 1897.

THE Civil Service Commissioners announce that an open competitive examination will be held in London in December for at least seven student-interpreterships in Her Majesty's Consular Service in China. Candidates must be between eighteen and twenty-four years of age, of sound constitution, possessed of good sight, and physically qualified for service in tropical climates.

ORDERS have not yet been received from the Government of India on the subject of the Burmo-Chinese Boundary Commission, so it is not known whether the work will be commenced this season. Until this point is settled the Government of Burma will make no formal recommendation with regard to the personnel of the Commission.—*Indian Daily News.*

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

MR LEONARD COURTNEY ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

London, October 31.—In a speech by Mr Leonard Courtney at Fowey, he said that while deprecating the policy of the forward school, he believed the evidence was wanting to connect the present rising on the Indian Frontier with what was done in Chitral, and he thought the Government were bound to defer to the Indian Government in the matter. With reference to the question of the Indian Mints, Mr Courtney added that the wisest reply of the Indian Government would have been that, if France and America opened their mints we shall see what effect is produced, and, if it raises the rupee to sixteen-pence, the Indian Mints would be reopened, but with liberty to again close them if the rupee fell below sixteen-pence.

THE NAVY.

London, October 21.—Captain Charles G. Dicken, and Commander P. Fitzgerald, have been appointed to the *Royal Arthur*.

AFFAIRS IN COREA.

Seoul, October 25.

FROM ROYALISM TO IMPERIALISM.

There has been no lack of excitement here in Seoul for a month past. The Coreans have had memorial on the brain for a year or more and the mania culminated in one united effort early this month to induce the King to go one step higher and assume the oriental yellows of imperialism. To this our amiable monarch consented after being importuned nine times by the government and people represented by the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, and Court. This step was a measure proposed first by the Cabinet of October, 1895, but the idea was abandoned and finally revived only recently. The ceremonies were hurried through in a hasty manner for causes yet unknown. Chinese tradition governed all procedure and this crowning copestone to Corean independence, whatever may be thought of the methods followed, has become an accomplished fact. Doubtless the imperial assumption of his Majesty, coupled with the change of the dynastic title to Ta Han, would form the main matter of interest were not the actions of the King-Emperor entirely eclipsed by those of the new.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM RUSSIA.

He has left us in no doubt as to his policy. British prestige in Corea centres around the Imperial Customs service which is administered like that of China by Englishmen. As in China the Corean service has made for itself a superb record, and at the present time is in the highest degree of efficiency. At its head is Mr J. McLeavy Brown, who was further installed by a special decree of the King as Adviser and Auditor to the Finance Ministry. Of all the advisers which Corea has had Mr McLeavy Brown has done the most good. The editor of the Corean *Independent* in a recent issue speaking of him says:—'Corea owes a debt of gratitude to the present Adviser of the Department for the systematic and successful manner in which he has brought it, from the chaotic state of the national treasury to its present solvent condition. During nineteen months of his administration the Department has saved nearly three million of dollars after having paid the current and contingent expenses of the government. One million of the three was used for liquidation of part of the debt which Corea owes to Japan, and we are told that there are nearly two millions in the treasury.' From this it will be seen what work Mr McLeavy Brown has done. Evidently, however, he and the magnificent Custom's staff stand in Mr Speyer's way, for he has undertaken to eliminate them from Corean affairs.

THE NEW FINANCE MINISTER.

In the first part of October a Mr Alexieff arrived in Seoul. His calling cards bore the title of 'Councillor of State and Agent of the Financial Department of the Imperial Russian Government.' The Chinese inscription on his card bore the title of 'Superintendent of the Corean Finance Department.' This would seem to indicate that he is to have complete control of Corean Finance and, to administer it as a branch department of the Russian Finance Ministry. On the arrival of Mr Alexieff, Mr Speyer informed the Corean Foreign Office of his arrival and announced that he was ready to enter upon his duties. This despatch was forwarded by the Foreign Office to H.E. Pak Chung-yang, the Minister of Finance, who replied that the Department was already supplied with the services of Mr McLeavy Brown whose contract has still several years to run. This was sent to Mr Speyer, who returned it saying he could not receive such a communication as it was no answer to his enquiry. He was not concerned in any of the employés of the Corean Government. But Mr. Alexieff had been sent by the Imperial Russian Government at the request of Min Yeng-whan, Corean Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to assume control of the Corean Finance Department. Mr Alexieff had arrived to enter upon his duties and if the Corean government did not assign him his work, Mr Speyer would report it to his government and Corea must take the consequences. Threatening as this was the

FINANCE MINISTER STILL FOUGHT IT.

In reply he stated that Mr McLeavy Brown had been placed at the Finance Department by a decree of his Imperial Majesty and could not be displaced to make way for a new man. The tone of this, however, alarmed the Emperor and he insisted on all reference to the decree being omitted, and the matter left in the hands of the Foreign Minister to settle. The latter then sent an evasive despatch that the employment of Mr Alexieff would doubtless be a 'reasonable' thing. This seems to have excited Mr Speyer. In reply on the 24th inst. he sent a despatch demanding (1) When will the Corean government dismiss Mr McLeavy Brown, Advisor to the Finance Department and Chief Commissioner of Customs? (2) On what day will Mr Alexieff enter upon his duties as Superintendent of Corean Finance? (3) If an immediate answer is not forthcoming he demanded an audience with His Majesty within twenty-four hours. The audience was appointed for the 25th at 5 p.m. The audience took place as per programme and while what transpired between the Emperor and Mr Speyer is unknown

THE RESULT IS VISIBLE.

To-day the Foreign Minister sent a despatch to Mr Jordan, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, that the Corean government would dispense with the services of Mr J. McLeavy Brown, Chief Commissioner of Customs and Adviser of the Finance Department. The action of Mr Jordan on this despatch is awaited with much interest. Whatever may be the ultimate outcome Mr Speyer has played a bold game and is so far 'on top.' Russia has thus succeeded in administratively annexing Corea and the territorial absorption appears to be only a question of time, unless some one makes a move quickly.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

THE Victoria Cross, which has hitherto been reserved for troops serving under the orders of the Home Government, will, it is expected, be extended to the rank and file of the Indian Army. As the Cross has been bestowed on soldiers of the West India Regiment, there should be no objection to native soldiers becoming eligible for it.—*Pioneer.*

Notices to Consignees.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2253

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *GANGES*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 14, 1897. 2244

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S. S. *Hakata Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO.'s Godown at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd Instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All Ship-Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company and sent in to this Office within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2243

Intimations.

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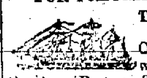

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Hongkong, November 13, 1897. 2241

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FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2255

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Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2248

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Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2250

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Hongkong, November 15, 1897. 2249

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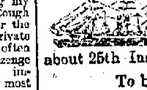

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Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2254

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Hongkong, October 25, 1897. 2119

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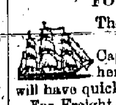

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Hongkong, September 21, 1897. 1889

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, November 13, 1897. 2239

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 18, 1897. 2140

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Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Dec. 16, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama).....	THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CHINA*, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 27th November, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 8, 1897. 2218

Mails.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *ANCONA*, Captain W. D. MUDIE, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 18th November, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship *INDIA*, leaving that Port on the 11th December, for LONDON direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, November 18, 1897. 2196

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th November, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *OCEANIEN*, Captain SCHMITZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd November. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 10, 1897. 2223

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Bayern.....	Tuesday ...	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday ...	January 4.
Preussen.....	Tuesday ...	February 1.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday...	March 1.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th day of December, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *BAYERN*, Captain E. PERRY, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 4th December, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 6th December, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY, the 6th December. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

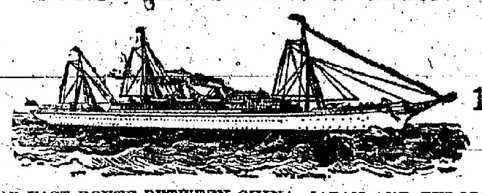
For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 10, 1897. 2222

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1897.  1897.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, *VIA* CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(*Calling at* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(*Subject to Alteration.*)

EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R..WEDNESDAY, 24th Nov./97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec./97.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. PYBUS, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 19th Jan./98.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey (avoiding the rough passages generally experienced in the latitudes further South) and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent, FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC, WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, October 27, 1897. 2134

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Viâ Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Victoria....	3167	J. Paxton, R.N.R.	Nov. 30
Olympia....	2608	J. Truebridge.....	Dec. 21
Columbia....	2655	A. Gow	Jan. 11
Tacoma....	2549	A. Dixon.....	Feb. 1

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Braemar ...	3601	E. Porter.....	Dec. 14
Mogul	3654	W. H. Wright....	Jan. 4
Pelican	2388	A. Gove.....	Feb. 8
Braemar ...	3601	E. Porter.....	March 8

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First Class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA, TACOMA OR PORTLAND, £28.

The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA, TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Orgeon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, November 17, 1897. 2263

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
IDZUMI MARU, R. NUNOME,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 19th Inst., at 4 p.m.
SENDAI MARU, C. OLSEN,	VLADIVOSTOCK, *Via* SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, NAGASAKI, FUSAN and GENSEN.	SATURDAY, 20th Inst., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, E. W. BASWELL,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m.
OMI MARU, C. YOUNG,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 26th Inst., at 4 p.m.
KANAGAWA MARU, J. MACKENZIE,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, *Via* STRAITS (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.
HIROSHIMA MARU, N. OHNO,	BOMBAY, *Via* SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 30th Instant, at Noon.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, Etc., apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, November 16, 1897. 2232

NOW READY.

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'CHINA REVIEW' CONTAINS

Why the Lotus is Blue.
Amoy,—Physical Features, Monuments, Temples, &c.
Korean Folk Tales.
金葉菊 The Golden Leaved Chrysanthemum, a Chinese Drama in Five Acts.
Proverbs in Daily Use among the Hakkas of the Canton Province.
Natural History of Amoy.
Sport in Amoy.
On the connection of the Dacotas with Asiatic Races.
Defence of the Old Chinese Pronunciation.
Notes and Queries,—
The Flora of Amoy.
The Poppy growth about Amoy.
Etymology.
Bridges in China.
Population of Soochow.
Miscellaneous Notes.
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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
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Fees for Public Vehicles.

Chairs.

IN VICTORIA WITH TWO BEARERS.

	$ c.		$ c.
Half hour . .	0.10	Three hours . .	0.50
One hour . .	0.20	Six hours . .	0.70

Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) $1.

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR BEARERS.

Hour . . .	0.60	Six hours . .	1.50
Three hours .	1.00	Day (6 to 6) .	2.00

Jinrickshas.

(With single driver).

Quarter hour .	0.05	Hour . . .	0.15
Half hour . .	0.10	Every subsequent hour .	0.10

NOTE.—Victoria extends from Mount Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is discharged beyond these limits half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey. Extra bearers or drivers and extra horses to be paid proportionate rates.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, November 13, 1897.

At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

	Price. Highest. Cash.	Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.			肉食
Bacon, English, . . lb.	—	—	來路燒猪肉
„ Ame. Sugar cured „	400	—	花旗燒猪肉
„ Foochow, . . „	280	—	福州燒猪肉
„ Japan, cured . „	—	—	日本燒猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut. catty	140	—	尾龍扒
„ Corned, . . . catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
„ Roast, . . „	130	—	燒牛肉
„ Soup, . . „	100	—	湯肉
„ Steak, . . „	120	—	牛肉絕
Bullock's Brains, . . per set	60	50	牛腦
„ Tongue fresh, each	250	—	牛脷
„ „ corned „	310	—	鹹牛利
„ Head, . . „	500	—	牛頭
„ Heart, . . „	150	—	牛心
„ Hump, Salt catty	140	—	牛扁
„ Feet, . . each	60	50	牛蹄
„ Kidneys, . „	50	—	牛腰
„ Tail, . . „	100	—	牛尾
„ Liver, . . catty	70	—	牛肝
„ Tripe (undressed) catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	—	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American, . . lb.	350	—	花旗火腿
„ Chinese, . . „	260	—	金華火腿
„ English, New, . „	460	—	來路火腿
„ Japan cured, . „	—	—	日本火腿
„ Shanghai, . . „	220	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, . . „	160	—	羊扒骨
„ Leg, . . „	160	—	羊肫
„ Shoulder, . . „	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings, . . catty	70	60	猪腸
„ Feet, . . „	110	—	猪脚
„ Fry, . . „	160	—	猪雜
„ Head, . . each	500	450	猪頭
„ Heart, . . „	50	40	猪心
„ Kidneys, . . pair	70	—	猪腰
„ Liver, . . lb.	160	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop, . . catty	180	—	猪扒骨
„ Corned, . . „	—	—	鹹猪肉
„ Leg, . . „	190	—	猪脚
„ Fat or Lard, . „	160	—	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	350	—	羊頭脚
„ Heart, . . each	50	40	羊心
„ Kidneys, . „	70	—	羊腰
„ Liver, . . lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, . . each	$1.75	$1.25	猪仔
Suet, Beef, . . lb.	110	—	生牛油
„ Mutton, . . „	100	—	生羊油
Veal, . . catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.			生口
Chicken, . . catty	200	—	鷄仔
Capons, . . „	250	—	閹鷄
Ducks, . . „	180	—	鴨
Doves, . . each	120	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen . . doz.	130	—	鷄蛋
„ Duck . . „	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls, . . catty	180	—	鷄
Geese, . . „	190	—	鵝
Hares, . . each	700	—	兔仔
Musk Deer, . . „	—	—	麝香鹿
Partridges, . . „	380	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons, . . „	170	—	白鴿
Pheasant, . . brace	$1.50	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds, . . doz.	—	—	禾雀
Quail . . each	100	—	鶉
Snipe, . . „	150	—	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock, . . catty	500	—	大公鷄
„ Hen, . . „	350	—	大母鷄
Teal, . . each	100	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks, . . pair	—	—	野鴨
Fish.			海魚
Barbel, . . catty	180	—	鯉
Bream, . . „	80	—	鯛
Bombay Ducks, . . pieces	400	—	孟買鹹魚
Cod on Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	鱈魚
Carp, . . „	100	—	鯉
Catfish, . . „	—	—	鯰魚
Codfish, Salt, . . „	80	—	鱈魚
Crabs, . . „	100	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish, . . „	100	—	墨魚
Dab, . . „	60	—	比目魚
Dace, . . „	90	—	鯝魚
Dog Fish, . . „	—	—	鯊魚
Eels, Congor, . . „	—	—	海鰻
„ Fresh water, . . „	200	—	鰻
Eels, Yellow, . . „	180	—	黃鰻
Elle Fish, . . „	—	—	鱔魚
Frogs, . . „	250	—	田鷄
Fresh Fish, . . „	110	—	魚
Garoupa, . . „	200	—	石斑魚
Gudgeon, . . „	90	—	鯉魚
Gurnard, . . „	80	—	鬼魚
Herrings, . . „	12	—	白鰱
„ smoked . box	—	—	熏鰱
Halibut, . . catty	120	—	比目魚
Labrus, . . „	120	—	鯛魚
Loach, . . „	140	—	鰍
Lobsters, . . „	200	—	龍蝦
Mackerel, . . „	—	—	鯖魚
Monk Fish, . . „	200	—	鱇魚
Mullet, . . „	120	—	烏魚
Oysters, . . „	150	—	蠔
Paventifish, . . „	160	—	鱗魚
Perch, . . „	120	—	鱸
Pike, . . catty	—	—	花鱸
Plaice, . . „	—	—	鼎魚
Pomfret, White . . „	200	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black . . „	160	—	黑鯧
Prawns, . . „	220	—	明蝦
Ray, . . „	50	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish, . . „	90	80	石狗公
Roach, . . „	—	—	鯊魚
Salmon, (Canton), . „	250	—	馬友魚
Shark, . . „	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish, . . „	100	—	鹹魚
Skate, . . „	60	—	鰩魚
Sarimps, . . „	170	—	蝦
Snapper, . . „	200	—	立魚
Soles, . . „	160	—	龍沙魚
Tench, . . „	—	—	鯽魚
Turbot, . . „	120	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water, „	350	—	龜魚
Whiting, . . catty	70	—	長魚
White Bait, . . „	90	—	鹹魚仔
Fruits.			菓子
Apples, (California), . catty	200	180	金山平菓
„ (Tientsin), . „	—	—	天津平菓
„ (Japan), . . „	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant, . „	30	—	香蕉
„ (brides), . „	40	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, . „	120	—	栗
Carambola, . . „	100	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, . . each	60	—	椰子
Ground Nuts, . catty	90	—	花生
Grapes, . . „	200	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China, . . „	60	—	檸檬
„ Peel, . . „	—	—	柑餅
Lichees, Dried, . . „	400	—	荔枝
„ Fresh, . . „	—	—	荔枝
Limes, . . „	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon), . each	—	—	安南芒菓
„ (Manila), . „	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen, . . dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet, . catty	60	—	新會甜橙
„ Green, . . „	50	—	青橙
„ Red, . . „	50	—	紅橙
Olives, . . „	100	—	白欖
Persimmons, . . „	50	—	柿
Pine-apples, . . each	—	—	平地菠蘿
Pears, . . catty	—	—	沙梨
„ (Tientsin), . „	100	—	天津梨
Plum, Red, . . „	—	—	紅李
Pumelo, . . each	80	—	碌柚
„ (Siam), . catty	100	—	暹羅柚
Raisins, Muscatel, . „	—	—	[illegible]
„ Pudding, . „	—	—	[illegible]
Water Chesnuts, com. „	40	—	馬蹄
„ Mandarin, . „	60	—	[illegible]
Walnuts, . . „	140	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.			菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai, . catty	70	—	上海丁香竹
Beans, (French), . „	130	—	佛豆
„ Long, . . „	100	—	豆角
Beet Root, . . each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green, . catty	30	—	青茄
„ Red, . . „	50	—	紅茄
Brassica, . . „	30	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, . . „	90	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com. „	30	—	白菜
Cabbage, . . each	100	—	[illegible]
Cauliflower, . . „	350	—	[illegible]
Carrots, . . catty	60	—	紅蘿蔔
Celery, Chinese, . . „	80	—	[illegible]
„ English, . . „	80	—	[illegible]
Chillies Dried, . . „	130	—	[illegible]
„ Red, . . „	90	—	[illegible]
Curry Stuff, English, . „	50	—	[illegible]
Cucumbers, . . „	30	—	[illegible]
Bitter Squash, . . „	—	—	[illegible]
Garlic, . . „	50	—	[illegible]
Ginger, young, . . „	50	—	薑
Horse Radish, Shui, . „	120	—	[illegible]
Indian Corn, . . piece	—	—	[illegible]
Lettuce, (English), . each	10	—	[illegible]
Mushrooms, Fresh, . catty	—	—	[illegible]
Onions, Bombay, . . „	70	—	[illegible]
„ Green, . . „	30	—	[illegible]
„ Shanghai, . „	—	—	[illegible]
„ Japan, . . „	50	—	日本蔥
Okroes, . . „	80	—	[illegible]
Parsley, English, . bundle	10	—	[illegible]
Potatoes, Sweet, . catty	30	—	[illegible]
„ Shanghai, . „	—	—	[illegible]
„ Japan, . . „	20	—	日本仔
„ American, . „	—	—	[illegible]
„ Foochow, . „	—	—	[illegible]
„ Macao, . „	—	—	[illegible]
Pumpkin, . . „	20	—	[illegible]
Purslane, . . „	5	4	[illegible]
Papaw, . . „	25	20	[illegible]
Radish, . . dozen	30	—	[illegible]
Rice, best quality, per picul,	$5.50	—	[illegible]
„ Common „ „	$4.50	—	[illegible]
Shalots, . . catty	50	—	[illegible]
Spinage, (Chinese) „	—	—	[illegible]
Spinach, . . „	30	—	[illegible]
Sinky Gourd, . . „	40	—	[illegible]
Tomatoes, . . „	60	—	[illegible]
Taro, . . „	10	15	[illegible]
Turnips, Punti, (Long), „	30	—	[illegible]
Vegetable Marrow, . . „	50	—	[illegible]
„ (Long), „	—	—	[illegible]
Water Cresses, . . „	70	—	[illegible]

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Assistant Inspector of Markets.

EUROPE AND RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN POLICY.

Kobe, Nov. 2.

In yesterday's issue we gave some reasons for believing that the jealousy existing between Russia and Japan with regard to Korea was rapidly approaching a crisis: To-day we think it will be useful to consider the position which European Powers are likely to assume should Russia proceed to convert her virtual supremacy in Korea into the actual and avowed protectorate towards which events seem to be rapidly tending. First and foremost, of course, the position of Great Britain needs consideration, and, notwithstanding some recent declarations in Parliament, it is extremely difficult to ascertain the exact light in which the British Government views Russia's steady advance in the Far East. Mr Curzon, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, recently stated in the House of Commons that he considered the question of Korea 'a most important subject of Imperial politics,' and he went on to remark that he 'imagined' the independence of the peninsular kingdom to be of international interest. But at the same time he pointed out that British interests in Korea were not of the same moment or character as those of either Russia or Japan; British interests were mainly commercial, and even thus were not assessable at a very high figure, as they had never yet persuaded any British firm to embark on mercantile enterprise there. Nevertheless, Mr Curzon considered that it was the interest of Great Britain, firstly, 'to see that the independence of Korea is maintained, and that it is not territorially or administratively absorbed into the Empire of Russia; secondly, that Korean territory and Korean harbours are not made the base of schemes for territorial aggrandisement, so as to disturb the balance of power in the Far East and give to one Power a maritime supremacy in the Eastern Seas.' 'Any such attempts by one Power as I have been describing,' he said in conclusion, 'would find us ready to protect our own interest there.' This is a definite enough deliverance so far as words go, and, to make it more important as an authoritative indication of British policy, Mr Curzon is reported to have read the statement from manuscript. It was made, also, immediately after Marquis Ito's mysterious visit to England, and in some quarters has been taken to indicate that an understanding has been arrived at between Great Britain and Japan to act in concert for the defence of Korea against Russian aggression. But even if such an understanding exists, it is impossible to estimate its force or influence until we know how far England is prepared to go. For if the arrangement means that Great Britain will support Japan's opposition to Russia's policy by moral force alone, a Platonic alliance of this sort will neither be of much avail to Japan, nor materially hamper the advance of Russia. Yet it is difficult to believe that Great Britain's action will go beyond the stage of protest. Even her commercial interests, as Mr. Curzon acknowledges, are not materially concerned, there not being a single British firm in the peninsula. It is not of course to the advantage of Great Britain that the balance of power should be disturbed in the East, or that the North Pacific should pass entirely under the domination of one Power; yet if England did not consider herself much concerned by the advance of Russia in Northern China, where the former has much greater interests, it seems scarcely likely that her Ministers will support by a menacing display of force any protest that will be made against Russian activity in Korea. Such, at least, seems to be the view taken at St. Petersburg, and it is by no means improbable that the dismissal of Mr McLeavy Brown from the Financial Department and the appointment of M. Alexieff is intended as a reply to Mr Curzon's declaration of British policy in the House of Commons. It is a throwing down of the gauntlet,—not so much, perhaps, with the object that Great Britain should pick it up as to test how far the British Ministry is prepared to go in defence of the independence of Korea. If England's opposition may be discounted, Russia can fairly look to having a free hand in the peninsula, for no other European Power is likely to consider the matter of sufficient moment even to frame a protest. And it appears very evident from her renewed activity in the Far East that Russia believes European affairs are for the time being in a state of quiescence, and that attention may therefore be concentrated elsewhere. Greece has been sternly warned that she will be held responsible if peace is broken in South-Eastern Europe, and the visit of the German Emperor and the French President to St. Petersburg, if they indicate nothing else, at least suggest that there is no immediate prospect of serious complications between the Continental Powers. It is, indeed, a very natural conclusion in view of recent events, that the aspect of affairs in the Far East was discussed at St. Petersburg both with Kaiser and President, and that the three representatives of the Triple Alliance which had such powerful influence on the results of the Japan-China War arrived at a common understanding on the policy to be pursued. However this may be, it remains evident that, so far as Europe is concerned, Russia need expect opposition from one Power, and one Power alone, against the policy pursued in the Far East. It will be with great interest, therefore, that events will be watched during the next few weeks. The British representative at Seoul is reported to have already protested against the dismissal of Mr Brown,—but simply, it would seem, on the ground of injustice done to a British subject,—not for reasons of high politics. It remains to be seen whether Sir Claude Macdonald will offer any protest against the dismissal of a British Financial Adviser simply in order that one of Russian nationality shall be put in his place; and upon the character of that protest Russia will be able to conclude whether she has to deal with Japan only or Japan and England in alliance.—*Chronicle.*

At Shoreditch County Court, a young man named Fowler was sued for 3 weeks' rent by his former landlord.—Defendant: I don't owe it. I owe 2 weeks and 3 days. He chucked me out.—Judge French: Is that so?—Plaintiff: In course I did. So would you. (Laughter.) He was a regular nuisance.—Defendant: I always went home sober. That's more than he can say.—Plaintiff: He was always a-singing. You never heard such a row. It was like a foghorn. (Laughter.)—Defendant: Foghorn be blowed, I always sing 'sotty voshey.' (Loud Laughter.)—Plaintiff: Your worship, he was always at it. We had 'Soldiers of the Queen' at 11; 'Only one girl in the world' at 12; and 'It ain't all lavender' at one; and it was not all lavender, either.—Defendant: I did sing, but never so late as that.—Plaintiff: My Lord, believe me, he was a regular walking music-hall. (Loud laughter.)—Judge French said plaintiff could only recover the 2 weeks' rent. If he looked the lodger out in the middle of the week he could not ask for that. He would have to put up with the nocturnal concert till the week expired.

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The General Managers, Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, have received the following report from their mining manager by the steamship *Tsinan*:—

Mount Macdonald, 22nd October, 1897.

Eureka Main Shaft sunk during fortnight 9 feet; total 275 feet. The reef has crossed over to the west side of shaft as shown in plan, and we are now sinking in country rock and good progress will be made, and the work of sinking be completed in a short time when we will proceed to open out in the reef at the 300 feet level.

The winze at 200 feet level sunk 13 feet, frame sets put in, windlass and brace fixed, but this and all other work with exception of sinking main shaft will have to be suspended until after crushing operations have been resumed, every place being blocked up with ore ready to send to grass.

Mining Tenement 18.—Shaft sunk 36 feet. Have now started driving for shoot of shine referred to in last report.

G. L. 105.—Underlay shaft sunk a total of 58 feet. Reef same size and quality as last reported.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

18th to 24th November.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Thur.	18	m 1 40	4 6	m 10 13	0 8
		8 32 a	2 10	3 13 a	2 8
Fri.	19	m 3 9	4 1	m 11 1	0 5
		8 58 a	3 2	11 24 a	2 2
Sat.	20	m 4 40	3 8	m 11 49	0 7
		9 51 a	4 0		
Sun.	21	m 6 1	3 6	m 0 37	1 4
		9 24 a	4 3	0 14 a	0 9
Mon.	22	m 7 18	3 4	m 1 23	0 5
		10 1 a	3 4	0 43 a	1 0
Tues.	23	m 8 13	3 2	m 2 15	0 3
		10 40 a	3 0	1 53 a	1 0
Wed.	24	m 9 19	3 0	m 3 1	0 1
		11 8 a	3 1	2 8 a	1 1

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Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	30.14	—	—	N	2	—	—
Kochi	29.99	—	—	—	0	—	—
Nagasaki	29.87	—	—	—	0	—	—
Kagoshima	29.91	—	—	S	2	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.10	88	94	NE	5	comp	—
Sharp Pk.	29.94	72	90	E	3	fd	—
Amoy	29.91	79	74	SE	3	c	—
Swatow	29.89	79	—	ESE	2	c	—
Canton	29.90	75	95	N	2	c	—
Hongkong	29.87	77	79	E	4	cd	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ESE	3	—	—
Gap Rock	29.81	—	—	ENE	5	—	—
Macao	29.84	80	—	E	2	c	—
Haiphong	29.66	76	81	E	4	r	—
Bolinao	29.80	85	79	E	2	b	—
Manila	29.84	91	67	SE	1	c	—
O.S. Jane	—	—	—	SW	3	b	—

November 17th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.30	59	65	N	1	ov	—
Sharp Pk.	30.06	66	76	NE	5	og	—
Amoy	30.17	69	80	NE	5	or	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	30.04	68	100	NE	4	o	—
Hongkong	29.9[illegible]	66	79	NNE	3	od	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	3	—	—
Gap Rock	29.83	—	—	NE	6	—	—
Macao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	29.9[illegible]	66	68	N	4	c	—
Bolinao	29.90	83	83	E	1	b	—
Manila	29.92	89	78	SW	1	c	—
O.S. Jane	—	—	—	SW	0	b	—

F. G. FIGG, *Acting Director.*

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1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility of air (vis).

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Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$18½, sellers
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Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$155, sellers
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STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$76, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$57½, sales and sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 1	$29½, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$51, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7.10, buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.10, buyers / £2.15, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$161, sales and sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$44, sales
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$62, sellers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$44½, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$75, sales and sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$19, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$21½, sales
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$112
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$2.10, sales
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 4	all	$4.10, buyers
" Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.40
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. Ld.	18,000	$ 5	$ 5	$6, sales
	52,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$3, sales and sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$105, buyers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	all	$1.40, sales and buyers
" " Preference shares	75,000	$ 1		$1.50, sales and buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$23, sales and buyers
Ollivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$20
	B 20,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$8½, sales and sellers
	25,000	$ 5	$ 1	—
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.	12,000	$ 50	all	$49, sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	all	$12.50, sales and sellers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$10, sales and sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 10	$ 10	$30½, ex new issue, sales [and buyers / $15½, sales and sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/	$5, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$8½, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 20	$26.25, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 50	all	$33, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$4½, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$113
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$170, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,200,000	$ 100	$ 20	$18, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 111, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 115
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 114
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 25	$ 20	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 575

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 167,800	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

A
No.
129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B
187.—Bailey's Engineering Agency.
158.—Beck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. S., Residence.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Bourmann C., Residence.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
139.—Blackhead & Co., Soap Factory, Sau-ki-wan.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
13.—Boening, G. D. Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
194.—E. J. Buller, Residence.
122.—Burnie, & Goddard Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
36A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.

C
75.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
126.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
128.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
180.—China Merchants Office.
180A.— do. Godown.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
71.— Do. do. Town Office.
160.—Chow Tung Shang, Residence.
183.—Cobbold, Rev. R. F., Residence.
168.—Colonial Secretary's Office.
83.—Commodore's Residence, Peak.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Comprador, D. Lapraik & Co., Office.
88.— Do. do., Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.

CLUBS.
149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
198.—Club New.
10.— Do. Peak.

D
12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Office.
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Danby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
25.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.

DOCTORS.
80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
182.—Dr. Rennie, Residence.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Intimations.

E
58.—Electric Co.
58A.—Electric Co., Residence.

F
142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.
200.—Fowler, D. J. B., Residence.

G
48.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
193.—Gray, R. M., Residence.

H
156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
50.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Menzell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, C., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
1.—'Hongkong Telegraph' Office

HOSPITALS.
28.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
80.— Do. Government Civil.
115.—Hospital, Nethersole.
3.— Do. Peak.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
175.— Do. Tung Wah.

HOTELS.
32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
56.— Do. New Victoria.
29.— Do. Peak.
170.—Hotel, Windsor.

82.—Ho Tung, Praya West.
77.— Do. Praya Central.
59.— Do. Residence.
37.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
68.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.

J
186.—Jackson, W., Residence.
178.—Joe Tits Shing.

K
108.—Kaw Hong Take
185.—Kelly & Walsh.
185A.— do. Printing Office.
199.—Kelly, E. S., Residence.
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn and Macdonald.
120.—Kirch & Co.
151.—Kruse & Co.

L
91.—Lamke & Reggo.
117.—Land Investment Co.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
97A.—Lane, Crawford, Store.
188.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.
189.—Lauts, T. J., Residence.
89.—Layton, B., Office.
90.— Do., Residence.
167.—Leigh and Orange.
179.—Lloyd's Register.

M
173.—MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
123.—Mancell, A. H., Residence.
106.—Man Chuen Yuen.
98.—Man On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
163.—Michael, J. R., Residence.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
164.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Branch Office.
147.—Munroe, G.

N
125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.

O
119.—Opium Factory.
46.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.

P
176.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
164.—Po On, Insurance Co., Godown.
15.—Police Station, Central.
184.—Potts, W. Hutton., Residence.
162.—Port Master General.
135.—Price, H. & Co.

R
34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray, E. C.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
192.—Reiss & Co.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
76.—Richardson R. L. Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.
169.—Ross A., Residence.
190.—Ruttonjee, H.

S
52.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
195.—Sassoon David, Sons & Co.
96.— Do. Residence.
94.—Sassoon, M. S. & Co.
132.—Schrotter, J. G., Residence.
49.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
181.—Siebs, N. A., Residence.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
166.—Skott H., Residence.
139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. R., Office.
62.— Do. do. Residence.
153.—Straits Insurance Co.
53.—Sui Kut Bank.

T
191.—Tai Hing & Co., Bowrington.
14.—Telegraph Companies.
197.—Thomas' Grill Rooms.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
54.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee & Co.

V
136.—Vacuum Oil Co.

W
16.—Watson A. S., & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
21.—Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai.
33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point.
57.—Wickham, W. H., Residence.
165.—Wieler & Co.
144.—Wing Kee & Co., Office.
145.— Do., Godown.
63.—Wo Kee & Co.

Y
161.—Yan Woo Co.
38.—Yuen Fat Hong.
79.—Yeun Lam Kee.
177.—Yuen Hop.

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Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor age	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Ancona	5 k	Mudie	Brit. str.	1888	Nov. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Nov. 18.
Astrai	3 c	Major	Brit. str.	1742	Nov. 16	Meyer & Co.		
Bellona	3 c	Binzor	Ger. str.	2664	Nov. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe	Nov. 18.
Chelydra	3 c	Cass	Brit. str.	1575	Nov. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Doric	5 c	Smith	Brit. str.	2936	Nov. 8	O. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Nov. 18.
Empress of India	5 c	Marshall	Brit. str.	3003	Nov. 2	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	Nov. 24.
Falkenburg	3 c	Freeden	Ger. str.	975	Nov. 12	Melchers & Co.		
Framnes	3 c	Gabrielii	Norw. str.	958	Nov. 16	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Fushun	3 h	Lunt	Chi. str.	1604	Nov. 17	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Hainan	5 c	Claues	Ger. str.	740	Nov. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Hansa	3 c	Martz	Ger. str.	1202	Nov. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Hupeh	9 c	Quail	Brit. str.	1894	Nov. 17	Butterfield & Swire		
Idzumi Maru	3 c	Nunome	Japan. str.	1999	Nov. 16	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Kobe & Yokohama	Nov. 19.
Independent	....	Holtz	Ger. str.	908	Nov. 15	Wieler & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Kaisar-i-Hind	5 c	Barcham	Brit. str.	2385	Oct. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Kinosberg	8 c	Hansen	Ger. str.	624	Nov. 16	Jebsen & Co.		
Kintuck	5 k	Perrelle	Brit. str.	2881	Nov. 16	Holliday, Wise & Co.	London	Nov. 20.
Loo Sok	2 c	Jackson	Brit. str.	1020	Nov. 15	Yuen Fat Hong.		
Loyal	3 c	Lorensen	Ger. str.	1237	Nov. 17	Carlowitz & Co.		
Lyeemoon	3 c	Heuermann	Ger. str.	1238	Nov. 16	Siemssen & Co.		
Memnon	5 c	Mogridge	Brit. str.	826	Nov. 9	Butterfield & Swire	Sandakan	To-day
Meneleus	5 c	Towell	rit. str.	3006	Nov. 15	Butterfield & Swire	Singapore	Nov. 18.
Mongkut	....	McLellan	Brit. str.	859	Nov. 1	Butterfield & Swire	.....	K'loon Dock
Namyong	3 c	Mellor	Brit. str.	984	Nov. 17	Chinese		
Ningchow	2 k	.....	Chi. str.	1400	.....	B. H. Cunningham		
Oceanpo	3 c	Hawkins	Brit. str.	1311	Nov. 16	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Propontis	3 c	Crawford	Brit. str.	1387	Nov. 15	Heung Sing S. S. Co.		
Sendai Maru	5 c	Olsen	Japan. str.	1064	Nov. 14	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Vladivostock, &c.	Nov. 19.
Tatartos	5 c	Cornelsen	Ger. str.	1812	Nov. 15	Siemssen & Co.		
Tordenskjold	3 c	Danielsen	Norw. str.	784	Nov. 14	Harling Bushmann & Menzell	Kobe	Nov. 18.
Tsinan	5 c	Ramsay	Brit. str.	1459	Nov. 15	Butterfield & Swire		
Wally	3 c	Behrens	Ger. str.	3138	Nov. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Singapore	Nov. 18.
Wong-koi	5 c	Stonham	Brit. str.	1115	Nov. 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Wuotan	3 c	Jacobsen	Ger. str.	1140	Nov. 13	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Yuensang	5 c	Kynoch	Brit. str.	1103	Nov. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-day
Sailing Vessels.								
Abner Coburn	7 c	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1879	Aug. 12	Standard Oil Co.		
Agenor	7 c	Shellens	Amer. sh.	1414	Sept. 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Aurora	2 k	B. H D. Adolfo	Slam. bqe.	350	Oct. 11	Order		
Fannie Scholfield	2 k	Veitch	Brit. bqe.	1066	Sept. 21	Order		
New York	2 k	Peabody	Amer. sh.	1897	Nov. 11	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Peter Rickmers	2 k	Westermeyer	Gr. 4m. bk.	2825	Nov. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
St. Mark	7 c	Dudley	Amer. sh.	1892	Oct. 2	Standard Oil Co.		
Vega	2 k	Pedersen	Dan. bqe.	386	Oct. 24	Siemssen & Co.		
West York	....	.....	Brit. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order	.....	Cos'tan Dock

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorien	Shanghai
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. F. Domville	Shanghai
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Amoy
Daphne	sloop	1160	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Yokohama
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	2	360	———	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Singapore
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1610	—	800	Commander Transmore	Shanghai
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Yokohama
Iphigenia	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Hongkong
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Wm. C. C. Forsyth	Hakodate
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	759	6	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Foochow
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Yokohama
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Yokohama
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	———	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	———	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	———	Hongkong
Undaunted	cruiser	6500	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Amoy
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Wivern	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000	———	Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	6500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Vladivostock
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7731	16	6000	Captain Kasherininoff	Vladivostock
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenogo	Vladivostock
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2950	Captain Becker	Shanghai
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	7050	12	4500	Commander Jounnet	Chemulpo
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Lt.-Comdr. Jose dos Reis	Macao
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Honolulu
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comete	French gunboat	495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Canton
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Nagasaki
Descartes	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Capt. Bernard	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Vladivostock
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Yokohama
Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut.-Com. F. Escudero	Manila